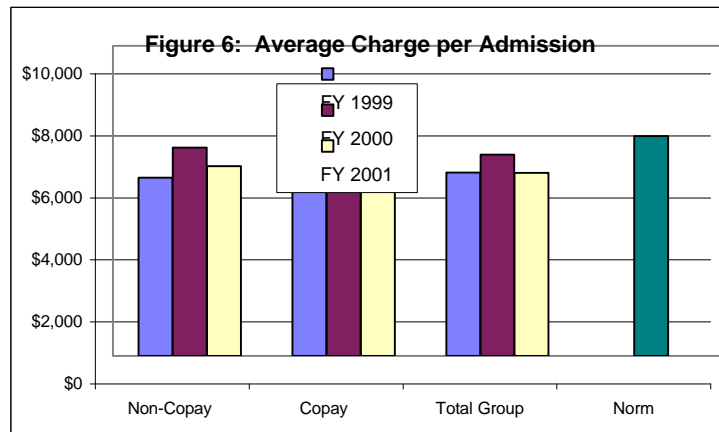


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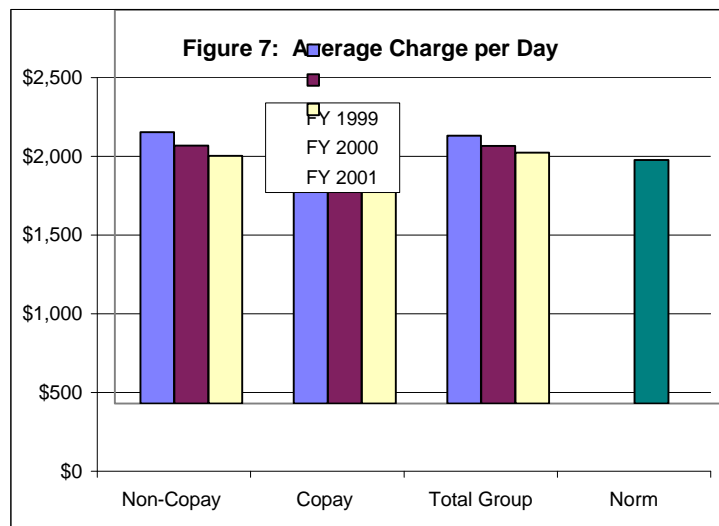


The average charge per admission during FY 2001 decreased 9 percent to \$5,901, and remained well below the norm (Table 3).

The decrease in the average charge was attributable to similar drops in the average charge for both the Non-Copay and the Copay segments.

As noted earlier, of the counties with at least 11 admissions, Craven County had the highest average charge per admission. Pasquotank County had the lowest (Table 6).

The average charge per mental health admission fell 4 percent for acute care hospitals and was slightly below the norm (Table 7). Among psychiatric hospitals, the average charge fell 10 percent but was consistent with the norm (Table 8).



The average charge per day decreased 3 percent to \$1,594 (Table 3). This was 3 percent higher than the norm.

The average charge for both segments decreased slightly in FY 2000.

Among acute care hospitals, the average charge per day for psychiatric admissions increased 5 percent in FY 2000 (Table 7). It was slightly above the norm. The average charge per day at psychiatric hospitals increased 12 percent and was close to the norm (Table 8).